Before the State of South Carolina Department of Insurance

In the Matter of:)	SCDOI Docket # 06-0642
)	ORDER IMPOSING SIX MONTHS
Randy J. Galloway)	SUSPENSION OF AGENT'S LICENSE
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This matter comes before the South Carolina Department of Insurance (the Department), upon application of David E. Belton, Esquire, Senior Associate General Counsel for the Department, requesting the suspension of Randy Galloway's (Bail Bonds Agent) license.

After careful review of the evidence presented the Department issues the following decision:

FINDINGS OF FACT

Agent is currently a South Carolina resident bail bonds agent.

In the State of South Carolina, the bail bonds agent failed to comply with a Greenville County Court Order to pay bond forfeiture to the Greenville County Clerk of Court in the case of The State vs. Luis Gallo Maldonado, as ordered, by close of business on June 9, 2006.

In the State of South Carolina, the agent failed to pay an administrative penalty to the Department or to request a public hearing, according to the instructions set forth in the Department's notices of investigation, mailed by regular and certified mail/return-receipt requested, on July 20, 2006, which he signed for on July 21, 2006, and on October 11, 2006, respectively. The same letter was sent to Mr. Galloway's business name and address where his representative acknowledged receipt by signature, on October 13, 2006.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Pursuant to S.C. Code §38-53-150(A)(1)(2)(7)(9): "The director or his designee may place on probation, revoke, or suspend any license after ten days' notice or refuse to issue or reissue a license: (1) for any cause sufficient to deny issuance of the original license; (2) for violation of any laws of this State relating to bail in the course of dealings under the license issued to a bondsman or runner, by the Director or his designee; (7) for failing to comply with or violation of the provisions of this chapter or of any order of the director or his designee or regulation of the Department;"(9) for failing to pay any judgment or decree rendered on any forfeited undertaking in any court of competent jurisdiction." Because of Mr. Galloway's failure to pay to Greenville County Court of General Sessions, a judgment in the case of The State vs.

Luis Gallo Maldonado, before close of business on June 9, 2006, the Department may revoke or suspend Mr. Galloway's bail bonds agent license.

Pursuant to S.C. Code Section 38-53-150(A)(7): "The Director or his designee may place on probation, revoke or suspend any license after ten days' notice or refuse to issue or reissue a license for failing to comply with or violation of the provisions of this chapter, or of any order of the Director or his designee, or regulation of the Department." As a result of Randy J. Galloway's failure to pay as ordered, an administrative penalty of \$500.00 to the Department, or to request a public hearing within 30 days, in lieu of revocation of his bail bonds agent's license, the Department now move to suspend his bail bonds agent license.

THEREFORE, it is ordered that Randy J. Galloway, South Carolina bail bonds agent license shall be suspended for a period of six (6) months, thirty (30) days from the date of this order, and no license issued through the State of South Carolina Department of Insurance is to be issued to him, unless Randy J. Galloway requests in writing within said thirty (30) day period a public hearing before the South Carolina Administrative Law Court.

It is FURTHER ORDERED that the National Association of Insurance Commissioners be immediately be notified of this order.

This South Carolina Department of Insurance administrative disciplinary order is a public record subject to the disclosure requirements of the State of South Carolina's freedom of Information Act, S.C. Code Ann. §§30-4-10, et seq. (1991 and Supp. 2005). Nothing contained within this administrative disciplinary order should be construed to limit or to deprive any person of any private right of action under the law. Nothing contained within this administrative disciplinary order should be construed to limit, in any manner, the criminal jurisdiction of any law enforcement or judicial officer. Nothing contained within this administrative disciplinary order should be construed to limit the statutory duty of the Director of Insurance, exercised either directly or through the Department of Insurance, to "report to the Attorney General or other appropriate law enforcement officials criminal violations of the law relative to the business of insurance or the provisions of this title which he considers necessary to report." S.C. Code Ann. §38-3-110(3) (Supp. 2005).

Eleanor Kitzman
Director of Insurance

Dated this 19 day of January 2007